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1. SUMMARY. ROMANIAN PRESS JUNE 14 PUBLISHES FURTHER DATA FROM JANUARY 1977 NATIONAL CENSUS, INCLUDING MOST DETAILED MINORITY BREAKDOWN SEEN SINCE POST-WAR YEARS. IN GENERAL, FIGURES APPEAR TO BE SOMEWHAT MORE REALISTIC THAN 1966 CENSUS, ALTHOUGH ASSIMILATIONIST PRESSURES STILL OBVIOUSLY HAMPER ACCURATE COUNT OF MINORITIES. END SUMMARY.

2. FOLLOWING ARE MINORITY POPULATION STATISTICS PUBLISHED BY JUNE 14 ROMANIAN MEDIA:
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DECLARED NATIONALITY	TOTAL PERSONS	PERCEPAGE
ROMANIANS	19,001,721	88.137
AROMANI	644	.003
MACEDOROMANI (MACEDO-ROMANIANS)	1,179	0.005
MAGHIARI (HUNGARIANS)	1,705,810	7.912
SECUI (SZEKLER)	1,064	0PPT

GERMANI (GE		
WANS)	348,444	Q 1.616
SASI (SAXONS)	5,930	0.028
SVABI (SWABIANS)	4,358	0.020
TIGANI (GYPSIES)	229,986	1.067
UCRAINENI (UKRAINIANS)	54,429	0.252
RUTENI (RUTHENIANS)	988	0.761
SIRBI (SERBS)	34,034	0.158
CROATI (CROATS)	7,617	0.035
SLOVENI (SLOVENIANS)	707	0.003
RUSI (RUSSIANS)	20, #3	0.096
LIPOVENI (LIPPOVAN)	11,494	0.053
EVREI (JEWS)	25,686	0.119
TATARI (TARTARS)	23,107	0.107
SLOVACI (SLOVAKS)	22,037	0.102
TURCI (TURKS)	23,303	0.108
CEHI (CZECHS)	7,756	0.036
CRECI (GREEKS)	6,607	0.031
POLONEZI (POLISH)	4,756	0.022
ARMENI (ARMANIANS)	2,436	0.011
ALTE NATIONALITATI	4,141	0.019
(OTHER NATIONALITIES)		
NEDECLARATI (UNDECLARED	62	SUB 0.001 PERCENT

3. COMMENT: KEY TO ABOVE DATA IS TO REMEMBER THAT IN THEORY ANYONE WAS FREE TO DECLARE HIS NATIONALITY TO BE WHATEVER HE DESIRED. THIS RESULTS IN UNDERREPRESENTATION OF SOME MINORITIES BECAUSE OF ASSIMILATIONIST PRESSURES, MOST EVIDENT IN TOTALS FOR JEWS (25,686) AND GYPSIES, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ALTHOUGH LATTER TOTAL OF 229,9 6 IS ALMOST FOUR TIMES THE 1966 CENSUS FIGURE (64,197). MINORITY BREAKDOWN IS ALSO MUCH MORE DETAILED THAN EVER BEFORE IN POST-WAR PERIOD, E.G. IN ADDITION TO GERMANS (A MORE GENERAL CATEGORY), DATA ALSO INCLUDES THOSE WHO CALLED THEMSELVES SAXONS AND SWABIANS. ALSO SZEKLETS ARE LISTED SEPARATELY FROM HUNGARIANS, ALTHOUGH IT IS CLEAR FROM THEIR LOW TOTAL (1,064) THAT MANY SZEKLETS ARE ALSO INCLUDED IN MORE GENERAL CATEGORY OF HUNGARIANS. WE WILL NEED TO GET A DEFINITION FROM SOMEONE OF DIFFERENCE BETWEEN "AROMANI" AND MACEDO-ROMANISN, WHICH DICTIONARY DEFINES AS ONE AND THE SAME. ALSO DISTINCTION BETWEEN "RUSSIANS" AND "LIPPOVAN" WOULD APPEAR TO BE AN ARTIFICIAL ONE. AS USUAL ROMANIAN STATISTICAL DATA LEAVE SOMETHING TO BE DESIRED. HOWEVER, IN GENERAL THE 1977 CENSUS DATA APPEAR TO PRESENT A MORE ACCURATE PORTRAYAL OF THE MINORITIES THAN DID ITS PREDECESSOR.

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